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HEW TO THE LINE; LET THE CHIPS FALL WHERE THEY MAY

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The Members of the Illinois State Commission Are Endeavoring to Induce the Head Chiefs of the Various Lodges of Knights of Pythias to Buy Books Containing \$10.00 Worth of Admission Tickets Into the Exposition Which Will be Held at the Coliseum from August 22 to September 16

IN ORDER TO RAISE SOME MONEY TO MATCH UP WITH THE \$25,000 LATELY APPROPRIATED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ILLINOIS; OTHERWISE THEY CANNOT TOUCH IT.

BETWEEN \$1,200 AND \$1,500 OF THE FIRST OR THE ORIGINAL \$25,000 IS STILL IN EVIDENCE, THE REMAINDER HAVING BEEN EXPENDED IN A THOUSAND DIFFERENT WAYS WITH SCARCELY ANY ADVANTAGE OR BENEFIT TO ANY ONE OUTSIDE OF A FEW OF THOSE CONNECTED WITH THE COMMISSION.

IT IS SAID THAT GOVERNOR EDWARD F. DUNNE DID NOT MINCE HIS WORDS RECENTLY IN CONDEMNING OR REPRIMANDING MESSRS. CAREY, FORD AND JACKSON FOR PILING THEIR RELATIVES ON THE PAY ROLL OF THE COMMISSION; THAT HE MADE A GREAT MISTAKE WHEN HE SELECTED ONE NAMELESS LITTLE COLORED MAN TO ASSIST TO ENGINEER IT.

GEORGE E. JACKSON, WHO IS ON THE PAY ROLL OF THE ILLINOIS STATE COMMISSION, IS THE BRIGHT AND HONORED SON OF MAJOR AND MRS. ROBERT E. JACKSON.

The members of the Illinois state commission are busily engaged in devising ways and means to rake in some money. One of its latest plans or schemes is to make an effort to induce the headlights of the various lodges of Knights of Pythias, throughout this state, and more than likely throughout the United States, to buy books containing ten dollars' worth of admission tickets into the exposition which will be held at the Coliseum from August 22 to September 16.

It seems that the state commission is forced or driven to this method in order to raise some money so as to be able to match it up with a part or with some of the \$25,000 which was appropriated a few weeks ago with the distinct understanding that not one dollar can be touched unless the members of the state commission can lay down one dollar which they must dig up from somewhere else, for every dollar which they desire to lift out of the state treasury.

The office devil made a mistake in the last issue of this paper, wherein it was stated that "between twelve and fifteen thousand dollars of the first twenty-five thousand dollars was still on hand." As a matter of fact only about twelve to fifteen hundred dollars of that vast sum of money is in evidence, the bulk of the remainder of it having been expended long ago in a thousand different ways with scarcely any advantage or benefit to anyone, outside of a few of those connected with the Illinois state commission.

It may not be true but it is said that not so long ago Governor Edward F. Dunne did not mince his words while he was engaged in condemning or reprimanding Major George W. Ford, Major Robert E. Jackson and the Rev. Hon. Archibald James Carey, Ph. D. D., all state commissioners, for brazenly piling their sons and daughters on the pay roll of the commission, for it is contended that Governor Dunne strongly intimated that those three eminent or distinguished commissioners wanted or desired to hog everything in sight; that Miss Annabel Carey, daughter of Rev. A. J. and Mrs. Carey, was for a long time on the pay roll of the commission as assistant secretary, drawing down seventy-five dollars per month in dead easy money, while at the same time she was attending the Chicago University; that Major Ford, who is in charge of the National dead grounds near Springfield, Illinois, had his son on the pay roll at fifty dollars per month, while part of the time he was supposed to be attending college down at Nashville, Tenn.; that Major Robert E. Jackson, as one of the state commissioners, has his son on the pay roll of the state commission at

fifty dollars per month; that aside from this he is a member of the Legislature and draws down two thousand dollars per year for his valuable services in that direction; that as the president of the Fraternal Printing Company, the taxpayers throughout this state have paid into the pockets of his printing company four or five thousand dollars for all kinds of printing for the state commission; that he is one of the commissioners and again the taxpayers foot his bills every time he travels ten miles in or out of the state in the interest of the state commission.

In view of these facts we were in doubt as to whether or not the George E. Jackson, who is on the pay roll of the state commission, was or is the son of Commissioner Jackson, as there are so many Jacksons in this city and we wanted to let our warm friend, the gallant major, down real easy and give him the benefit of our honest doubt in that respect, for to the best of our recollection we never beheld his son but once and we would not know him again if we should happen to meet him face to face; but early last Sunday morning some one connected with the household of Major Jackson, commanded us over the phone to the effect that in order to avoid getting into trouble we must state positively in the next issue of this paper that George E. Jackson, who is on the pay roll of the Illinois state commission, is the son of Major and Mrs. Robert E. Jackson.

Right at this point, once and for all time to come, we are more than willing to swear by God to that fact on a stack of bibles which will reach from this earth to the high heavens.

"BLACK JEWS" MOST ANCIENT RACE, ARE DISTRESSED BY WAR.

A rediscovered Semitic race, said to be the most representative type of the Jew of ancient Biblical type, is suffering untold distress as the result of the present European war, according to Dr. Jacques Faitlovitch, noted professor and archaeologist of Paris, who arrived in Chicago the first of this week. "They are what may be called the 'Black Jews' of Abyssinia," said Dr. Faitlovitch. "There are about 100,000 of them. This race, known as the Falashas, was discovered nearly two centuries ago by James Bruce, noted English student. They are black and resemble Jews in habits and custom—those traits so orthodox that they are told of nowadays perhaps only in the Bible. All their commercial intercourse has been cut off by the war. Charitable Jews in America are aiding them."

BABY SAVING WORK STARTED.

The summer campaign for saving the babies of Chicago is now in full swing. This means that the various organizations and agencies of this great city that are interested in public welfare work have practically perfected their plans and are now putting their forces in the field for active work in the various divisions of the city.

The Department of Health is operating in connection with its field forces, six sub-stations located as follows:

Station #1, Eli Bates House, 621 W. Elm Street.

#2, Northwestern University Settlement.

#3, Infant Welfare Station, 1218 W. Polk St.

#4, Fellowship House, 1831 W. 33rd Place.

#5, Chicago-University Settlement, 4630 Gross Ave.

#6, Cornell School, 7520 Drexel Ave.

From these sub-stations the field forces are directed; each of the sub-stations is in charge of a supervising nurse, conducting the activities in 73 districts, mapped out, and where the morbidity and mortality from diarrheal diseases in children under two years of age are known to be high. All told the Department will have in this work—93 field nurses, 6 supervising nurses, 3 supervising health officers and such other additional help as may be required.

In addition to the six sub-stations already noted, the Department will continue its activities at the three Infant Welfare Stations.

#1 located at Gurnee Bath, 1139 W. Chicago Ave., where conferences will be held on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 1:30 to 3:30 P. M.

#2, 1218 W. Polk St., conferences Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 1:30 to 3:30 P. M.

#3, Graham Stewart Bath, 1642 W. 35th St., conferences Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 1:30 to 3:30 P. M.

Each of these Welfare Stations will be in charge of a nurse and on conference days a Department physician will be present.

The Elizabeth McCormick Memorial Fund has opened fresh air tent hospitals for the sick babies of the tenement districts, where free care from physicians and nurses may be had. These fresh air tents are located as follows:

Henry Booth House, 701 W. 14th place.

Northwestern University Settlement, Augusta & Noble Sts.

House of Social Service, 47th & Halsted Sts.

At each of these places a physician and two nurses will be on duty at each tent daily. The physicians will be under the direction of Dr. Frank W. Allin of the Chicago Pediatric Society and the Visiting Nurses will provide the nursing service. Babies will be received in the tent at any time during the day, for the attending physicians will hold clinics every morning at 8:30. It is preferred that babies be brought then, if possible.

These tents will be operated in close co-operation with the Health Department forces, Infant Welfare Society, Tuberculosis Nurses, Children's Hospitals, Settlement Houses and other agencies interested in child welfare work.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Baster, this week removed from 3258 S. La Salle street, into a nice little home of their own, at 2545 Vernon avenue.



HON. SAMUEL A. ETELSON.

State Senator from the Third Senatorial district of Illinois who is being prominently mentioned for the nomination for Attorney-General of this State in 1916.

HYDE PARK NEWS. By L. W. Washington.

The Graduating Exercises of Kenwood School, was par-excellent, simple, yet beautiful, Angelic, Grand. Sixty boys and girls had entered the race, finished their course; and won the prize.

The following Program was rendered: "Song—Almighty Lord." "Dumb-bell Drill," Girls, Song—"The Low Backed Car," Class, "Tactics and Pyramids," Boys—Song "Old Dog Tray," Class Presentation of Diplomas, Class Song, "Good bye dear old Kenwood."

If you should ask me, were the children happy? I would answer, happiness does not express the joy it brought both parent and students. The teachers found joy and reward in the pleasure of work well done. Miss McGuire, the musical directress, telegraphed the expression of the harmony of the songs sung, to every boy and girl present in the chorus; until they were all—Both, Directress and Pupils in the smartest musical unison and of one cord. To say that the writer felt grateful to Almighty God. Indeed is to express it slightly and praised him in tears, and from the depths of my heart, when those Phonetic voices pealed forth with all of their foremost sweetness, telling the educational story, that the universe can only be at peace, when there is harmony. Miss Abigail M. Hunt the Superintendent with her bigness of heart, and her simplicity, directed the shot, boys and girls, when she sent home to you, this vital question, "We will not meet again in Kenwood School in this capacity; you can not forget this school. We shall expect you every one of you, to uphold the honor and dignity of Kenwood School. Good bye." Miss Elsie J. Kilbourne had charge of the drill exercises which made a creditable showing. Miss Cath-

erine Manney the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Manney of 5218 Lake Park Ave., 16 years of age. Hannibal E. Washington, 14 years of age the youngest son of the writer, these two graduated out of a Class of 60 graduates, they being the only two colored.

Mr. Lewis Brown and Mr. Phelix Barton is now working for the city, keep the good work up.

Mr. and Mrs. Clemens has moved from 5472 Kenwood Ave. to 5622 Lake Park Ave. After living in the former residence for over 17 years. They are among the Colored pioneers in Hyde Park.

Capt. Brown is off for Ottawa Beach for the summer. We hope he will have a successful season.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Raymore left last Thursday for Peoria to attend the funeral of their sister-in-law Mrs. Sallie Sprattling who departed this life June 23rd. They will return with Herman and Lucile, the boy and girl left motherless on the account of her death.

Mrs. Lewis McCawley is breaking up house keeping and expects to leave the city. Germaine and Geraldine her two daughters have been placed in a home. The baby boy we learn will be taken with her. The husband will hit the ball as best he can or suffer such mental agony as will redound to any man on the account of lost affections. Most auspiciously when it comes to giving up wife, home and children.

THE EIGHTH REGIMENT ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD SECURED AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF \$60,000 TO COMPLETE ITS NEW ARMORY.

The Legislature of Illinois, which wound up its final session on Wednesday, passed the bill which was introduced by Hon. S. B. Turner, appropriating \$75,000 to complete the new Eighth Regiment Armory on Forest avenue, near 35th street.

On Wednesday Governor Edward F. Dunne signed the bill, at the same time cutting the appropriation down to \$60,000 instead of the \$75,000, and without delay, work will be begun to extend it farther south, making the main room for dancing, and so on, 100 feet wide by 125 to 50 feet long. A balcony will be constructed around the interior to get the people up off the main floor, and when completed it will be one of the finest structures in the world and will be occupied by Colored soldiers.

ONE SHORT STOP BY COL. RICHARD W. THOMPSON.

Brer Julius F. Taylor, editor of the Chicago Broad Ax, is pouring hot shot into some of the factors in the emancipation exposition, soon to be held in the Windy City. There ought to be a heart-to-heart conference between the contending forces. We have always found Brer Taylor willing to listen to reason.

The above item was contributed to the Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind., and to the Freeman, Houston, Texas, which appeared in their issues Saturday, June 26, 1915, by Col. Richard W. Thompson of Washington, D. C., who is one of the best and greatest newspaper correspondents in this country.—Editor.